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Friday, August 31, 2012 8:00 a.m.		For Immediate Release	Fire Information Line: (530) 493-1514 www.inciweb.org/incident/3117/	

Fort Complex Goff Fire Information Update

Protecting homes in Seiad Valley remains the top priority as well as mopping up and holding the fire north of Seiad Valley and Highway 96. Firefighters will continue to patrol and mop up today behind homes threatened by the fire and along Highway 96 as well as Forest Road 48N20; removal of unwanted fuels is ongoing. Travelers on Highway 96 can expect some delays due to pilot car guided traffic through the areas affected by the fire.

Yesterday, the area of the fire burning northwest of Fort Goff spotted over the hand line and reached Tims Peak. This portion of the fire is expected to continue to move west to Fourmile Butte and north to Buck Mountain. On the eastern side of the incident, along Seiad Creek, the fire reached a portion of Forest Road 48N20.

Temperatures are expected to be in the high 80s today. The winds along the ridge tops will be out of the southwest approximately 8 mph with gusts up to 12 mph. The amount of smoke affecting residents will vary due to fire activity, possible temperature inversion, and wind.

Command of fire management efforts will transfer from the National Incident Management Organization Team to the California Type 1 Team 3 at the end of shift today.

On August 28th, 2012 at 10:30am the Siskiyou County Sheriff's Office issued a six hour notification for mandatory evacuation. Residents along Seiad Creek Road and Seiad Oaks Road had one to two hours or less to evacuate following this third stage of notification. The notice includes closure of Seiad Creek Road, Seiad Oaks Road, and some portions of the west side of Highway 96. An evacuation center has been established at Siskiyou Golden Fair Grounds, 1172 Fairlane Road, Yreka Ca. The evacuation center has the capability to house large and small animals as well.

For additional evacuation information contact the Siskiyou County Sheriff Department at (530) 841-2900, or the Goff Fire Information Center at (530) 493-1514, or on the internet at inciweb.org/incident/3117/. Select Fort Complex then select the "Closures" tab or "News" tab. Information on the current evacuation is available via the Siskiyou County Sheriff Department Facebook Page.

Closures & Fire Restrictions

Multiple trail closures are in effect including the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT). Please check the closure information posted on InciWeb at: www.inciweb.org/incident/3117/ or on the Klamath National Forests website at: www.fs.usda.gov/klamath.

Goff Fire Summary:

Size: 18,091 acres

Containment: 16%

Date Started: August 5, 2012

Cause: Lightning

Resources: 24 engines, 15 water tenders,
16 hand-crews, 12 helicopters

Injuries-to-Date: 8, with other minor injuries.

Impacts: A smoke advisory has been issued by
Siskiyou County – <http://www.co.siskiyou.ca.us>

More detailed wildfire information is available on the internet at www.inciweb.org. The Klamath National Forest is in fire restrictions. Forest visitors are reminded to use care while in the Forest and please check the Forest websites at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/klamath/> or with a Forest Service station for local conditions.

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